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SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Fair, continued cold Wednesday and Thursday; light winds, mostly west.
North Carolina—Fair Wednesday, not so cold in extreme west portion; Thursday fair, warmer; fresh west to south winds.

The temperature yesterday was considerably below the freezing point. A cutting wind, filled at times with particles of ice, made outdoor exercise particularly disagreeable. Fair and much colder today is the forecast.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.	
8 A. M.	25
12 M.	25
3 P. M.	25
6 P. M.	24
9 P. M.	24
12 M.	25
Average	25

Highest temperature yesterday	35
Lowest temperature yesterday	24
Normal temperature for Feb.	34
Precipitation during past 24 hours	.51

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	
Feb. 18, 1903.	
Sun rises... 6:57	HIGH TIDE.
Moon sets... 12:11	Evening... 3:03

RICHMOND.
Intense cold wave over the entire country.—Funds for the relief of the poor have been collected for the day of a couple who met for the first time last night.—Personal encounter at legislative committee meeting narrowly averted.—Legislature to allow Stuart mortgage in the Capitol Square and to contribute funds towards its erection.—Farmers' tobacco warehouse in Richmond under conditions and sell it below cost of production.—Amounts allowed owners and tenants in the Shafter building condemnation.—Move to clear the city's water now well underway.—Resolution regulating tobacco warehouses.—New marble yard for two hundred dollars for a plot to a theatre.—R. M. C. Alumni banquet to-night.—Citizen of Henrico has a narrow escape from death.—Interesting news on tobacco doings in Richmond.—Funeral of Mr. W. R. Trigg this afternoon.—New Zealanders may locate in Virginia.—Social clubs in Richmond.—The State Assembly of Presbyterian Church.—Unprecedented demand for Richmond cigars.—A special election ordered to fill a vacancy in the House of Delegates.—Leading men favor Torrens registration system.—River rising, but little damage expected.—Little boy dies after surgical operation.—Office of H. H. Redford hurt by fire.—Navy Department.—Increase of the police force.—Many attend Sacred Heart Church supper.—After hours of the night.—Debate on the Valley Day.—Quarry to be reopened.—A benefit for the firemen.—Coming Washington tea.—Church reunion last night.—Entertainment at Lederle Hall tomorrow night.

VIRGINIA.
List of students winning honors at the V. P. I.—Storm does great havoc in Princess Anne county and elsewhere in Virginia.—Lynchburg decides against a carnival.—One negro dies at another with a shotgun on the main street of Lexington.—Indian skeletons placed up in the valley of the Cowpasture.—Oyster inspectors catch six oyster dredgers.—A fire at Newport News.—New line of steamers of interest to Northumberland.—War in the South.—Yankee battleship park scheme during this winter.—An electric line in Stafford county.—River improvement at Petersburg.—Negro men have been found in the State.—Many fined in Norfolk on the Goodrich ordinance.—Sketch of Colonel J. R. Walker.—The Richmond Railway.—A daughter be appointed postmaster.—A Pittsylvania farmer drowned.—Returning from Europe.—Dr. Williams.—Dr. George B. Taylor of Appomattox, accepts call to Hollins.—Selling indictments for ill-treatment of prisoners.—Miss Lizzie Harris at Pelham, N. C. Deaths.—Westwood Fletcher in Prince William, Va.—Walker at Gordonsville; Mr. John Morris at Green Springs.

NORTH CAROLINA.
Another day in the trial of the Bishop case at Charlotte. Evidence is all in and argument has begun. It is thought that the verdict will not be murder, but either manslaughter or acquittal.—The bill is discussed at length in the House.—Argument before a committee on the bill required Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.—Medical examination.—Several bills introduced in the Legislature.—The steamer Olive founders near Elizabeth City and seventeen lives are lost.—Negro burglar at Weldon.—Southern hobbin factors at Greensboro are unroofed.—Probationary term of the court will be passed, as the session only lasts until March 7th.

GENERAL.
Mr. Crumpacker gives up his fight to have an investigation made of the election methods in the "several States".—Atlanta, in an effort to have the general election of the Southern Railway moved to that city, offers to give the company offices free of rent.—J. Pierpont Morgan donates the public library to the city at the funeral services in Richmond.—Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw reported to be engaged to Mr. Robert Golet, of New York city.—Taxpayers of Senate Republicans decide to give Panama treaty right of way in executive and the statehood bill in opposition to the Senate.—Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, and Mr. Sulzer, of New York, have a sharp tilt on floor of the House.—The Panama Canal Company to sell its rights and property for forty million dollars.—Senate agrees to the conference report on the army appropriation bill and hears a discussion of the statehood measure.—Small blaze in Democratic cloak-room of the House.—Representatives cause some excitement.—Favorable report made on the bill to light the light-house at Signal Point, Maryland.—Cape Hatteras.—Bathhouse operators organize for mutual benefit and protection.—Severe cold wave, prevalent over North and South.—Board of Directors of the New York Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company vote to new subscriptions to stock at the rate of one new share for every six of present holdings.

TWO SCHOONERS SINK IN NEWPORT NEWS HARBOR

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., February 17.—Two small schooners, the Roger Quarles and the Decatur, laden with lumber materials, sank in the harbor this morning during a severe squall. Both will be floated. The crews escaped.
Snow fell here to-day and there has been a gradual fall in the temperature. A heavy sea has been running all day, and while the wind continues high little can be accomplished toward loading and unloading the numerous small craft in port.

FATHER INJURED IN CATCHING HIS DAUGHTER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 17.—In the excitement attending a fire in a shoe store at No. 231 and 233 Montgomery Avenue early yesterday morning, Mrs. Agnes Adams, a daughter of James Maguire, the storekeeper, leaped from a window to the pavement, and the father was slightly injured in attempting to catch her.

COMBINE OF COAL OPERATORS

Producers of Bituminous Form an Association.

MUTUAL BENEFIT AND PROTECTION

New River and Flat Top Field Are in the Organization.

OBJECTS SET FORTH IN THE RESOLUTIONS

To Avoid the Fluctuations of a Speculative Market Prejudicial to the Interests of Producers, Customers and Employes—Executive Committee Named for Governing Body.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 17.—A large number of bituminous coal operators shipping to tidewater met here to-day and formed an association to be known as the Bituminous Coal Trade Association. It is said the new organization represents about 75 per cent. of the operators in the Clearfield, Cumberland, Meyersdale, Flat Top, New River, Beech Creek and West Virginia fields. L. N. Lovell, of New York, was elected president, and H. S. Fleming, at one time secretary of the Independent Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, was made secretary.

The object of the new association is set forth in a preamble of a resolution adopted by the association, which reads: "Whereas, experience has shown that the fluctuations of a speculative market in bituminous coal are prejudicial to the interests of the customers and producers of such fuel, and that the evil results of such speculation may become so widespread as to destroy economical conditions and thus seriously affect the wages and prosperity of the employes, consumers and producers, and
"Whereas, such fluctuations have in the past been caused by the absence of accurate knowledge of the rate of production and of the stocks on hand, and in order to prevent such injurious conditions accurate information must be had, so that there should at all times be present in the market an ample supply of coal for all its requirements, avoiding either a deficiency which may be used by speculators as an excuse to advance prices, or a great excess which, owing to the insufficiency of cars and the demand of the railroads for their immediate release, must be thrown upon the market."

After organizing an executive committee, which will be the governing body of the association, was elected. It is composed of operators of the various regions as follows:
Clearfield—E. J. Berwind, Robert Mitchell, George E. Scott and Colonel J. B. Corryell.
Cumberland—W. B. L. Walbridge and W. G. Sharp.
Meyersdale—T. T. Boswell.
Flat Top—C. C. Bullitt and H. J. Atwater.
New River—C. R. Orcutt.
Beech Creek—A. G. Yates and W. D. Kelly.

The representatives of the West Virginia region have not yet been selected.
The Executive Committee, after its organization, held a conference on the matter of car supply, and a subcommittee was appointed to look after that feature of the trade.

Members of the new association deny that the organization was formed for the purpose of fixing and regulating prices. The headquarters of the association will be located in New York.

CAMPBELLS WILL BE HERE TO-DAY

Investigation Will Be Resumed To-Night at Eight o'Clock.

Beginning at 8 o'clock to-night in the hall of the House of Delegates, the Campbell investigation will reopen again and will take its place once more as the leading event in local affairs.
As yet the chief actors have not arrived. Judge Campbell and Major Conrad will get in to-day. Judge Lovins, Mr. Strode and Judge Brown will come on the afternoon train. With them will be some fifteen or twenty witnesses, who will go upon the stand at once.
From the looks of things at this time the present session, taken up with the rebuttal, will be very brief. Then the committee will take a recess until next week when the rebuttal, if Judge Campbell desires any, will be gone into. Thereafter the keenly-anticipated argument will be had. Unless Judge Campbell should decide not to have any rebuttal the case will certainly not go to the committee until the latter part of next week.
It appears likely now that the House will clear the path again for the investigation. If this proves the case, morning and afternoon or night sessions can be held again.

Accepts Call to Luray.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, Va., Feb. 17.—J. A. Huff, of Luray, Augusta county, accepted the call of Luray, Brownstown and Bethlehem Lutheran churches. He is expected to remove here about the first of April.

SEVENTEEN WERE DROWNED ON FOUNDERED STEAMER

Struck by a Cyclone on Chowan River, Steamer Olive Went Down Before

Passengers Could Leave Their Berths—Only Five Escaped and They Were Rescued in an Almost Frozen Condition.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 17.—A cyclone struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 o'clock last night and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan River, off Woodley's Pier, between Mount Pleasant and Oliver's Wharf.

Seventeen people are known to have been drowned and those who were rescued are in a serious condition.

The whirlwind, when it struck the Olive, caused her to go over on her beam's end, and when she righted it was only to sink, on account of the water she had taken. A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time and had no opportunity to reach the pilot-house of the vessel. This point was the only portion left above water, and in it standing waist-deep from the time of the accident until 6 in the morning, Captain George H. Withey and five others were saved.

NO COMPLETE LIST.

According to the statement of Captain Withey to the Associated Press correspondent here to-night, there are seventeen known to have been lost on the sinking steamer and a life-boat loaded with Engineer Conway, Assistant Engineer J. P. Murphy, Purser J. N. Bell, one white and two colored passengers, unknown, and two colored deck hands, which left the steamer in hopes of reaching a vessel whose lights could be seen in the distance, is yet unheard from. If these have been drowned, the death-list will reach twenty-five.

Those dead are:
JAKE LASSITER, white, aged twenty-five, home Rich Square, N. C., salesman for Carlin & Fulton, Baltimore hardware dealers.
Mrs. BENNETT, Franklin, Va.
TWELVE-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF Mrs. BENNETT.
Mrs. VAUGHAN, Franklin, Va.
FRANK HUNTER, GEORGE BUTT, W. H. EDWARDS, ANDREW VAUGHAN, colored deck hands.
ABRAHAM COOPER and PRESCOTT SCOTT, colored firemen.

ESTHER WILLIAMS, colored cook.
JOHN COOPER, colored porter.
GEORGE WHITE, colored preacher.
AN UNKNOWN COLORED MAN.
Captain Withey reached Norfolk this afternoon in company with Martha Barrett, colored stewardess of the steamer.

To the Associated Press correspondent he made the following statement:

"We left Franklin on our regular trip to Edenton yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. A heavy southwest wind was blowing, but along the Chowan River we did not mind it very much. At 9 o'clock last night we passed Hollies Wharf and headed for Edenton Bay. The weather became so heavy that I would not risk the open water and put the boat about to return up the river for safety. It was just about 2 o'clock when everything became inky black and a terrible roaring broke out of the night. I was alone in the pilot-house and most of them below had turned in. In a second something struck the boat on her port beam and turned her over on her starboard side. A monster wave dashed over us. It flooded the hold and smashed

IS MRS. SHAW TO MARRY?

Society in New York Looking for Mention of Engagement

TO A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE

It is Said That Her Betrothal to Mr. Robert Golet, of New York, Will Shortly Be Announced—Sailed for Paris in Private Yacht.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 17.—Society is looking forward to the formal announcement of the engagement of Robert Walton Golet, the richest single young man in New York, and Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, which has been rumored frequently since Mrs. Shaw obtained her divorce a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Shaw is in Paris, and Mrs. Golet and her son will shortly start for the other side in the former's yacht Nahma. It is thought that the engagement will be announced in Paris.

Since his graduation from Harvard Mr. Golet has spent most of his time in travel and has been seen little in New York society. His eligibility, however, has been frequently discussed, and if the news be confirmed that he is to marry Mrs. Shaw, keen disappointment will be felt in the homes of a number of ambitious mothers.

Within a year Mr. Golet came into the bulk of the fortune left by his father and is now the possessor in his own right of twenty million dollars. When Robert Golet died he left his entire estate to his two children, Robert and Beatrice. Mrs. Henrietta Louise Golet, the widow, being given a life interest in the estate.

The lamented death of Mrs. Golet made her brother the sole heir to the immense fortune, and when it came into his possession about a year ago he became simultaneously the richest single young man in New York, which, added to his high social connection, made him the most eligible, and at the same time the most sought after young man in the four hundred.

His wealth, however, has not made any appreciable difference in the quiet, reserved and modest young man, who was the pride of the class at Harvard, and won laurels for himself by his management of the French plays which were produced at Harvard during his career there.

In his youth Mr. Golet was not of

robust build, but care and systematic training have built up his health so that he now enjoys a reputation among his friends as an all-around athlete.

MISS ROOSEVELT GIVEN SEAT BESIDE THRONE

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 17.—Miss Alice Roosevelt's debut in New Orleans society was made especially brilliant. To-night the Atlantians gave their ball at the French Opera-House, and Miss Roosevelt occupied a specially decorated box. As soon as tableaux and coronations were over a special escort conducted her to a seat beside the throne, the King presented her with a handsome souvenir, and she was made a member of the royal party, special honors being paid her by all the grandees of the mimic court.

PERSONAL TROUBLE NARROWLY AVERTED

Messrs. Jordan and Curtis Disagree Over Bill to Break the Baylor Survey.

There was a spicy scene in the hall of the House yesterday afternoon during the consideration of the bill offered by Mr. Jordan, of Frederick, designed to break the Baylor oyster survey, and it looked at one time as if there would be a personal clash between two prominent gentlemen.

One was Hon. E. C. Jordan, of Frederick, the patron of the bill, and the other Sheriff S. S. Curtis, of Warwick, who is here in opposition.

Mr. Jordan was speaking for his measure, when some statement made by him was construed by Mr. Curtis as a reflection upon the latter's conduct. He became engaged in a warm colloquy with Mr. Jordan, and the latter construed the sheriff's remarks as a personal reflection upon him. Mr. Jordan was in the main aisle in front of the Speaker's stand, and Mr. Curtis over on the east side of the chamber.

The patron of the bill walked briskly to where the sheriff was sitting, and the two were in the act of striking each other when friends intervened and the incident closed.

The affair was much regretted by all, and created a wave of temporary excitement about the Capitol.

The joint meeting of the Committees on Commerce and its Tributaries and Fisheries and Game proceeded with the consideration of the bill, and after holding a night session adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Jordan spoke at length for the bill and was followed by Mr. Honnegan, of Warwick, on the same line. Judge L. T. Talferro, of Gloucester; Captain Drew and Messrs. Glenn and Young, of Accomac, and others made speeches in opposition.

APPEAL FOR THE POOR

Great Suffering Is Caused by the Intense Cold.

FUNDS ARE BADLY NEEDED

Citizens' Relief Association Can Obtain Coal if Money Is Forthcoming to Pay for the Same.

The grip of the cold is being felt to-day in many homes in Richmond. Widespread suffering follows in the wake of the storm, and from every quarter come forth from the poor appeals for help. Responses, ready and generous, are being made, but much remains yet to be done.

Up to this time the Citizens' Relief Association has succeeded in carrying on its work without making a formal appeal to the citizens of Richmond. Private aid has enabled it to keep up and continue its great and good work, but now it is at the end of its resources.

Unless the people come to its aid the results will be disastrous. Speaking of the matter last night one of the prominent officers in the Association said:

"With the advent of extreme cold we are forced to appeal to citizens for help. During this very day I have had many number of requests for help made of me. One case is a particularly urgent one. The suffering is very great, among the poor. What the better weather means to those without clothes and fuel is now readily appreciable to those who enjoy the situation by no means comfortable; without them it is terrible."

The suffering is mainly in the direction of fuel. Coal and wood are scarce and high, and even the plainest food is now a luxury to many.

The Association is about at the end of its funds, and if others are not forthcoming the organization will have to refuse the pitiful appeals made to it. Coal dealers here, particularly Mr. S. H. Hawes, have been liberal and generous. Contracts are held with other dealers. The fuel can be gotten all right if there is money to pay for it.

COAL SITUATION.
So far as the coal situation in general is concerned there is nothing immediately discouraging. On the contrary, the market is believed by all, on stand the strain. The supply is much better than usual, and will probably be sufficient to meet the demand. The selling

price for anthracite continues at \$8 in most cases, and there appears to be no danger of a rise.

One dealer goes so far as to believe that there will be another drop in anthracite very shortly. He thinks the conditions warrant the hope that coal will soon be selling at \$7, or thereabouts. Moreover, soft coal is beginning to come in in large quantity, and the market is easing up in this direction. Unusual scarcity of soft coal has prevailed recently, but now the conditions promise to be better. The change is the result of the recent warm weather.

RAILROADS TO SHARE IN OWNERSHIP OF VESSELS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, February 17.—The statement was made to-day, though not confirmed in other quarters, that four leading railroads—the New York Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Erie and Lehigh Valley—are to share equally in the ownership of the freight vessels reported to have been sold by the Northern Steamship Company.

CHASED FAMILY INTO SNOWSTORM

Policemen Arrive Just in Time to Rescue Berkeley Stocks from Lynchers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 17.—But for the prompt arrival of policemen Berkeley Stocks, a big burly white man, would have been severely dealt with by enraged citizens last night, when in a drunken fit he chased his family from the house into a snowstorm, upset lamps and furniture and finally attacked his aged mother-in-law, Mrs. L. Boyd. The old lady was knocked down in the snow, and Stocks beat her head against the door step. She was rendered unconscious by the treatment. Policemen arrived just in time to save the family.

The verdict of the jury which sat in the case of Cleveland Craig, who was killed in Brownstown, Md., Saturday night, is believed by all, on stand the strain. The supply is much better than usual, and will probably be sufficient to meet the demand. The selling

THE SUN WITHDRAWS FROM THIS CITY

The Sun Insurance office, of London, which is the oldest joint stock fire insurance company in the world, has withdrawn from business in Richmond. This step has just been taken, and is said to be due to the restrictions which have been thrown around the business here. The Sun was organized in 1710 and has a surplus of over six million dollars. It has had an agency in Richmond for many years.

ICE KING NOW HOLDS FULL SWAY

The Frigid Wave Envelops Whole Country

LOW FIGURE IS REGISTERED HERE

Tendency of the Mercury Downward All Last Night.

HEAVY RAINS ABOVE PUT RIVER ON A BOOM

A Rise of from Twelve to Fourteen Feet Is Looked For—The Telegraph Service Interfered with by the

Wind and Sleet—The Indications for To-Day and To-Morrow.

From end to end the country lies in the fierce grip of the winter's coldest wave, and from ocean to ocean ice and snow glisten in a sun that warms not while the chill blast of the whistling wind freezes men, as it has already frozen the soil upon which men tread.

It was surely no ordinary fluctuation of the weather which exerted that sudden change, whereby the mild and balmy air of last week becomes so keen and piercing as it is to-day. The Weather Bureau declares it to be simply an upsetting of existing conditions, though an extraordinary upsetting in its extent. For it is not merely a local change; the entire country is affected. From the snow-capped hills of the West to the coast line on the East a paralyzing cold prevails. To the extreme North snow is falling in the midst of a blizzard, hovering near zero; in the far South killing frosts are sending the orange groves of Florida and the warm-veined folk of Galveston and Corpus Christi on the Gulf. Everywhere the wave is making its heavy hand felt, and from every section come forth reports of cold and suffering.

THE SITUATION HERE.
Such weather as falls to the lot of Richmond in this widespread affliction has not been experienced here before since the winter set in. The thermometer has dwindled down to a more nothing, and to make matters worse, James River is on the rampage, though it is going about in a conservative spirit, as becoming the muddy James.

The bad spell began Saturday evening, when an oncoming cold wave chased away that summer warmth which hung over Richmond last week. Sunday became a rainy and cold day. Monday it poured down in torrents and snowed between the showers. The thermometer continued on its downward career, and when people awoke yesterday morning it had sunk down to 24 degrees and evidently wished to go further, and would have done so but for the restraining hand of the sun. The rain had departed and the skies were gradually clearing, but the cold grew worse.

During the day the temperature kept pretty much as it began in the morning. The heat of the sun was hardly felt. The mercury did manage to climb up two points and for a time rest at 26 degrees, but Old Father, who never forgets, decided heat was worth no more than two degrees, and finally he retired in confusion. When the sun went down in the evening the mercury went down with it, and from 8 o'clock on the thermometer fell to an unbecomingly low level, until 2 degrees looked from the distance like blood heat. Somewhere in the early hours of the morning it was expected by the weather office that the thermometer would hit in the neighborhood of 12 degrees—a blinding, stinging cold, fiercer than any the people of Richmond have known yet this year. Up to yesterday, the coldest temperature was 17 degrees.

When the town comes to life again to-day, the cold which means 13 or 15 degrees, will be prevailing still. A brisk and cutting, but diminishing north-west wind will knock the starch out of the stiffest. The day will be fair, with no more flurries of snow, and steadily, but it will be intensely cold throughout. There is no hope of moderation until tonight, when it will probably be slightly warmer, but not much.

All the lakes and ponds around the city will be frozen sufficiently good standing. Happily, there will be no more rain, and but for the remains of snow of Monday, the streets will be clear and safe for walking. Water pipes will be frozen, but there will be no other damage, except to people who are suffering bitterly from the cold. Telegraph wires are already considerably balled up with sleet. Much confusion resulted yesterday to the two local offices as a result of this state of affairs. On Monday night during the rain and the snow the electric wires seemed also to be more or less affected.

RISE IN THE RIVER.
As was expected, the heavy rainfall of Sunday and Monday has had its effect upon the roads and likewise upon the streams, and particularly James River. The roads are almost impassable. The experience of some of those who travel over them Monday night are given elsewhere. The creeks were swollen beyond recognition.

James River expanded into a sheet of ice-cold water, spreading afar. It grandly broke over its banks until some time between midnight and this morning it reached a height of about thirteen or fourteen feet, sufficiently to flood all the wharves and lay its way into the lower streets of Fulton. It was not a flood proper, and it did no damage, but it gave indication of the fact that the James is still in the business, and knows when to catch the town when it is already paralyzed with cold.

By 4 or 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the river at Columbia had reached its height, and there measured 21.9 feet. From that point onward it began to sink back. No serious rise, therefore, need be feared here. The bulk of the water is already passed by and cannot put the river up above fourteen feet. At